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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METAL BINDING PROTEINS AND ASSOCIATED METHODS the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I hereby declare: All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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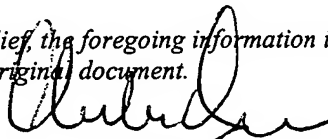
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Michael Mustillo, having a place of residence at 210 Euclid, Apt. B, Long Beach, California 90803 and Brenton Glen Harpham, having a place of residence at 3270 Big Sky Drive, Thousand Oaks, California 91360, the undersigned co-inventors and the ASSIGNORS herein, have invented **Metal Binding Proteins and Associated Methods**, for which we are about to file application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application has been executed by us concurrently herewith and of which inventions and improvements we are the owners; and

WHEREAS, Roger Acey, residing at 17634 Virginia, Bellflower, California 90706, the ASSIGNEE herein, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, applications and Letters Patent to be granted and issued thereon;

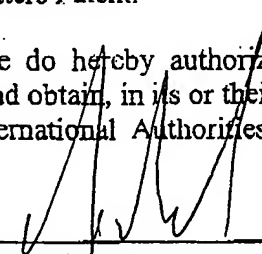
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) by the ASSIGNEE to us paid, and other valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and all improvements thereon, in and to said application for Letters Patent thereon, in and to applications pertaining to or based upon said inventions and applications, including divisional and continuing applications and continuations-in-part, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted and issued on said inventions and applications, or any of them, not only for, to and in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, but for, to and in all countries foreign thereto, together with and including all priority rights based upon any and all applications in the United States of America covered by this Assignment.

And for the above-named considerations, we do hereby agree that we will, at the request of said ASSIGNEE, execute any and all applications for Letters Patent for said inventions and any and all other papers and documents and do all other and further lawful acts that said ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable to obtain Letters Patent on said inventions; to secure the grant of such Letters Patent and to perfect and vest in the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in the inventions, applications and Letters Patent.


And for the above-named considerations, we do hereby authorize and empower the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to apply for and obtain, in its or their own names, Letters Patent for the said inventions before competent International Authorities and in any and all Letters Patent so obtained.

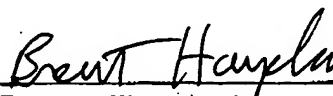
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